

Introduced by Senator Cox

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to Historic Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 66, as introduced, Cox. Historic Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40.

This measure would designate historic segments of former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 as Historic Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 and request the Department of Transportation to post appropriate signs, as specified.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 played
2 an important part in the development of the transportation routes
3 into California over what is now known as the Davis “Y;” and
4 WHEREAS, What historically was Alternate U.S. Highway
5 Route 40 is currently State Highway Route 113 from Davis to
6 Woodland and Yuba City, and State Highway Route 70 through
7 Marysville, Oroville, and the Feather River Canyon to Hallelujah
8 Junction on U.S. Highway Route 395, a route that today serves
9 27 towns and the six counties of Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, Butte,
10 Plumas, and Lassen; and
11 WHEREAS, The Feather River Scenic Byway is a 130 mile
12 segment of State Highway Route 70, which was part of Alternate
13 U.S. Highway Route 40; and
14 WHEREAS Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 served as part
15 of the Atlantic City to San Francisco transcontinental federal
16 highway system in 1927; and

1 WHEREAS, The historic Alternate U. S. Highway Route 40
2 was parallel to and part of former U.S. Highway Route 40; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognition of this historic highway will educate
4 the public concerning California's development and foster the
5 economic health of small communities and businesses located
6 along the highway; and

7 WHEREAS, The Historic U.S. 40 Association has worked to
8 identify the historic U. S. Highway Route 40 and the Alternate
9 U.S. Highway Route 40 routes and acts as the host organization
10 to promote the highways, working with state, county, and city
11 transportation departments; and

12 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to designate historic sections of
13 former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 as an historic route;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the*
16 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the remaining sections of
17 former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 are hereby recognized
18 for their historic importance to the development of California's
19 highway system; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested,
21 upon application by an appropriate local governmental agency, to
22 identify any section of former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40
23 that is still a publicly maintained highway and that is of interest
24 to the applicant, and to designate that segment of highway as
25 "Historic Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40;" and be it further

26 *Resolved,* That the department is requested to determine the
27 cost of appropriate highway markers or signs for Historic
28 Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 consistent with historic signing
29 requirements for the state highway system showing the special
30 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
31 concerning that cost, to erect those signs on the portions of
32 former Alternate U.S. Highway Route 40 that are currently part
33 of the state highway system, and be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
35 this resolution to the Director of Transportation.